THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Technical publicity rules to guide PIB Officers

3556. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether technical publicity rules were issued to PIB officers to guide them for arranging publicity;

(b) if so, when were the publicity rules framed with the modifications made therein with highlights;

(c) how far the officers are conversant with these rules and follow them; and

(d) the number of officers engaged in publicity work as on 1st January, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The 1st compilation of technical Publicity Rules was prepared in 1938. They were modified in 1964, 1987 and 1991. The rules *inter-alia* cover how press releases/ communique/note/handout, speeches, backgrounders etc. are prepared, how Press Conference/ briefing etc. are organized and Parliamentary proceedings covered.

(c) The officers are well conversant with the Technical Publicity Rules and they follow the prescribed guidelines for dissemination of information.

(d) There were sixty six (66) Departmental Publicity Officers engaged in the publicity work at PIB (Hqrs.) as on 1st January 2002.

New Kendras of DD/AIR in Chhattisgarh

†3557. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Kendras of Doordarshan and All India Radio which are under construction at present in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the places where these Kendras are located;

(c) the details of progress made in this regard; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.